Punishment 31 Point of No Return

Once all of your other knights are disposed of...
Then you, Anis...
MUTSUKI
...YOU WILL BE MINE.
!?

...A-
Are you out of your MIND!?
GRAY KEPT GOING ON AND ON ABOUT DESTROYING THE "DEVIL'S SEAL"...
HEE HEE
Rose
oh reiner widerspruch
DOES THAT MEAN HE CAN'T DO IT WITHOUT THE ROSE PRINCESS...? WITHOUT ME?
FIRST YOU... KISS ME, AND NOW THIS!?
WHAT'S WRONG WITH Y...
BLUSH
SH
VWP
WP
KI... SS...?

ONLY THAT YOU WOULD LOVE ME.
Anis...
IT MATTERS NOT...
THE DEPTHS TO WHICH I MUST SINK.
I want YOU,
Listen to me!
WH-!
YANK

SKFF
AND ONLY ME.
Ly...BLACK ROSE!!
HAHH.
Get your hands... OFF... of her...!

Kaede!
Hmph...
So you can still stand...
SHWI
WHIP
WH-!?
WHIP
SLASH
Stay there and watch.
...Which of us is truly deserving of you.
You'll see...

Stop it, both of you! We're all on the same side! Fighting like this isn't going to do us any good...!
What are you doing!?
CLASH
CLASH
CLASH
Then I say we are through with this game of make-believe allies...!
DAMN HE'S FAST...!
SLASH
Open your eyes...!
HAS HE ALWAYS BEEN THIS STRONG ...?
It's funny you should say that...

...Because I would just as soon say the same to you.
GH...!
SLASH
SLASH
SLASH
"Knight," indeed... You are unworthy of the name. You haven't even the ability for a meager first awakening.
UNDER THE ROSETTE CONTRACTS,
WE ROSE KNIGHTS ARE COMPATRIOTS
BUT...
A mere human...
...should not even dare to entertain the thought of standing on equal ground with a Dark Stalker.
You would do well to learn the extent of your limitations...
IF WE BECOME RIVALS IN LOVE...

ALL THAT AWAITS US IS HELL——
AND NOW... YOU DIE.

I TOLD YOU TO KNOCK IT OFF!!
STOP THEM!
GRIP
WHITE ROSE TENJOH-SEMPAI...
BLUE ROSE SEIRAN-KUN...!
I SUMMON YOU!
!!!

BLUE ROSE
WHITE ROSE
Anis-sama, what's wrong!? Is everything alright!?
What in heaven's...

clak
Hmm. You think?
Well, alright.
It's time we pulled back.
Mitsuru...
Ah, I know!
I'll give you a sneak peak at that "special contraption," Quess!
Mutsuki...?
ZWIP...

.....
It's just so hard to believe...
That Mutsuki-san would...
...I never would have thought he...
I noticed there weren't any black rose petals falling... It bothered me at the time, but I...
when you summoned all four of us at once, in the library,
But come to think of it,

Now I can only think it must have meant...
Mutsuki-san had already been wearing that "choker" by then...
By that time, his contract must have already been severed.
"That can't be right..!"
"With all four knights present and accounted for; by no practical logic should that have been possible..!"
Orange became the fourth knight instead when he entered his provisionally binding contract.
glow
Mutsuki...
...A traitor ...?
TENJOH-SEMPAI...
HE LOOKS... HURT...?

ER, WELL... AS USUAL HIS HEALING IS MORE LIKE A SECOND INJURY THAN ANYTHING ELSE...
CRACK
SNAP
OW! OW, OW, OW, OW!!
...!
...And yet ..
You still haven't Awoken...
murmur!
Had his threads deviated mere millimeters, you would be lying in a pile of your own entrails right now...
I see...
Mutsuki was genuinely aiming to kill him.

Kaede... Are you alright!?
...'Course I'm not alright...
What do you mean, he... KISSED you?
!?
You're worked up over THAT?!
KISSED !?
CRACK
HUH?

I see...
WELL, WELL, WELL...
ON FURTHER CONSIDERATION, PERHAPS THE DEATH PENALTY IS THE ONLY FITTING PUNISHMENT FOR TREASON AFTER ALL...
NO! THAT WOULD BE CRUEL AND UNUSUAL!
I THINK HALF-HALF KILLING HIM WOULD BE MORE THAN ENOUGH!
NOT YOU TOO, SEIRAN-KUN!?
...The next time I see that guy...
He's a dead man.
HEY, COME ON!
BLUSH
YOU GUYS AREN'T SERIOUS, ARE YOU!?

I'M SURROUNDED BY IDIOTS!
YOU'RE DAMN RIGHT I'M-
I'M BEING-
I MOST certainly am-
SERIOUS!
To think!
OH, GOD... I CAN'T TAKE MUCH MORE OF THIS...
Lady Anis's Virgin Kiss, sto-

THE IRON FIST
SHUT IT.
YOU HIT ME! MY OWN FATHER NEVER HIT ME...
YOU ARE INCREDIBLE!
Writhing in Ecstacy...
Now, look ...!
Boing!
Ooh! We talkin' about kissin'?
Ninufa's done dat, too!
HUH !?
Where the heck did you come from...

Don'tcha remember? It was da very, veeery first time we met,
When Ninufa went BAM, right inta Anis's face, and den...
W-WAIT, WAIT, ALL THE WAY BACK THEN!?
Tee-hee!

Dat was Ninufa's first time, too...
Kissy, Kissy
STOP BLUSHING !!
...Mm.
Sigh

SHE'S BOILING JUST UNDER THE SURFACE...!!
Oh, all right.
My first kiss went to THIS black... thing.
I guess.
Sqish
Sqish
T... Taking Responsibility!?
Mutsuki WILL be taking responsibility for this, whether he likes it or not.
And just so we're clear,
You don't mean ...

I'M GONNA SOCK YM RIGHT IN THE JAW.
I'm sending him a one-way ticket to the obedience school of PAIN. Apparently a slap in the face just doesn't cut it nowadays..
clap
clap
I'M taking him back.
STABS ME IN THE BACK AND GETS AWAY WITH IT
!
NOBODY, AND I MEAN NOBODY...
SQUEEZE
And then...

The Black Rose...
Is MY Knight!
I'LL TEACH YOU TO MESS WITH THE DOMINION!

You better hurry, Anis. You's runnin' outta time!
I know.
YAKOH'S BODY WON'T HOLD OUT FOR MUCH LONGER.
WE HAVE TO FIND AND STOP ELLA, DEAL WITH GRAY ROSE AND MUTSUKI,
AND REACH PAPA'S TOWER BEFORE HIS TIME IS UP...!
BLEEH
They're da other Arcana Cards!!
Itsushi told Ninu' t' give these t' ya.
Oh, yeah!
IDEL...
He said it'd be better for you to have 'em, Anis.
"I don't need these anymore. You take 'em."
Idel gave 'em to Itsushi before you guys took off.

SHFF
Red!
Lemme fix dat!
It's alright.
I've still got two of my own.
I will!
But Anis-sama, there are still two other knights...
I'm worried about him.
Seiran-kun,
I want you to take Ninufa and go check on Idel.
AND BESIDES,
THESE CARDS ARE PACKED WITH THE FEELINGS IDEL LEFT BEHIND.
I'll keep moving.
That red ball's gotten bigger, hasn't it?
That may have more to do with our drawing nearer to it, but yes... It does seem to have enlarged significantly.
RMBLE...

...Mutsuki...
...Might be under there, too...
He could...
...Are you mad at him?
.....

Black...
He won't get away with it. Not if I have anything to say about it...
I can't forgive him... Not for this.
!

Mutsuki may be a Rhode Knight now,
but he was always a different sort of creature to begin with, and such stations do not tend to fade with time.
More than anything, I suppose I should say... He's returned to his kind.
TENJOH-SEMPAI'S DEFINITELY NOT ACTING HIS USUAL SELF...

You know, I really wish you Knights hadn't rose up this morning and decided you were all going to KILL each other!
UH...
NO PUN INTENDED, BY THE WAY!!
He's the one who went for my neck first, in case you forgot...!
I can't even follow this anymore...
Rhode Knight...
Kiss...
DROP IT!!
KAEDE'S TOTALLY OFF HIS GAME...

Uh-oh... I heard tha~t...
Mhm hm hm!
Good day, Anis.
And you, Rhode Knights.

DROP IT!!!
갓
SWAP!
So, how does it feel?
Having Anis' kiss stolen away from you?

We're ending this *now*, Ella!!
Lady Anis has yet to recover her spent blood.
I will stay in the rear and concentrate on defense.
Red Rose, you take the fore!
.....
I don't need you telling me what to do.
!?

...Shiden.
SWF
You haven't forgotten your old weapon, have you?
...Are you sure?
Yes...
I'M sure.
The time has passed for fun and games.

CLA
NN
NN
GG
Red Rose...
I do so love the way your face twists in agony.
WITHIN ALL THAT PAIN AND SUFFERING,
At the very least...
Let "me" be the one to bathe you in crimson red.

IS IT BECAUSE I'M FIGHTING ELLA... HIIRAGI?
NO.
I FEEL THE ACHE OF WOUNDS THAT HAVE LONG-SINCE HEALED.
DAMMIT ... ALL...
MY BLADE WEIGHS A TON...
MY BODY WON'T MOVE THE WAY I WANT IT TO.
"We are through with this game of make-believe allies."

Is this the best you can do, Red Rose?
"You would do well to learn the extent of your limitations."
WE'RE ALLIES.
WE HAVE BONDS.
SHUT UP!!
THOSE TIES
MAKE ME
WEAK
...Kaede...
I think there's something wrong with him.
He's let his emotions carry him away...

But with the way he's fighting...
He will die.
Kaede!
Stop it! You're pushing yourself too hard!
KAEDE!!
...He cannot hear you now.
It may seem he's pushing Violet back for the time being,
AHH!
IF I LET MYSELF GROW WEAK,
I'LL ONLY LOSE WHAT'S PRECIOUS TO ME.

I CAN'T REACH HIM WITH WHAT LITTLE POWER I HAVE NOW.
KAEDE...!!
I CAN'T REACH HIM.
HEE HEE
WITH WHAT LITTLE POWER I HAVE NOW...
DRIP

I CAN'T EVEN PROTECT THE GIRL I LOVE.
DIE...

GRIP
kae-
idiot
Bw
!!
SH
KAEDEEE!!

END

KISS OF ROSE PRINCESS

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TRANSLATION NOTES FOR CH. 31

WHERE ARE THE MOBILE SUITS, DAMN IT

My Own FATHER Never Hit Me!

No true otaku would need this reference explained but allow me to humor our younger and/or more ignorant comrades This reference is probably the most famous event in anime history where Amuro the main character of Mobile Suit Gundam replies thus after receiving a mighty pimp-slap from his commander Bright for being a little bitch This turns out to be the turning point in the character's entire career The Bright Slap is fabled for its powers to turn whiny emo-bitches (Amuro) into capable pilots and turn ordinary men into MEN OF DESTINY

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